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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

SUBJECT: JAHNKE, Indiener, Suspected OSS Agent in Salzburg

EE: Investigation

1. Pursuant to instructions from the Chief, CIC, City of Vienna sub-Department, based on a request for investigation contained in "SAC-15-8-2352, Subject: JAHNKE, Otto and JAHNKE, Rudolf, suspected OSS Agents in Salzburg, dated 29 June 1948", this Agent conducted an investigation designed to clarify certain allegations made in the above-mentioned reference report.

2. Reference is made to SAC, City of Vienna sub-Department, Subject: Possible OSS Agent in Salzburg, dated 22 December 1948, in which it is alleged that an unidentified person is in the employ of OSS, and JAHNKE, that he is a Czech OSS agent, and that he is responsible for the compromise of classified information.

3. Utilizing several confidential Czech sources, including PRJESKA, Czech political refugee and former journalist in SALZBURG (16022 - 40500) (cf. 50; mentioned in Paragraph 2 above), the following facts were determined:

a. It has now been established and confirmed that the person to whom PRJESKA revealed the names of the four SALZBURG OSS agents was JAHNKE, Indiener, residing at 4410/40, Salzgasse 11 (See Remarks).

b. PRJESKA was arrested shortly after his arrival in SALZBURG; he was released on OSS intervention. Shortly after his release from confinement, he was contacted in SALZBURG by a Czech-bred woman, name unknown, who allegedly is employed by OSS. PRJESKA was informed by this woman that Subject frequently assists OSS political refugees and that Subject is completely reliable. Based on this information PRJESKA contacted Subject and subsequently revealed to him the names of the four OSS agents from SALZBURG. As previously reported by this office, the OSS Ministry of Interior learned that the four agents had been compromised and warned OSS, SALZBURG, to restrain from sending them to Austria. It has been definitely determined that the message received by the OSS Ministry of Interior clearly stated that PRJESKA had informed the four agents to an employee of OSS, land SALZBURG.

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c. The following described incident further indicates that Subject is a OSS agent. Because PRJESKA believed that Subject was

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concerned with CP, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, he disclosed to his that a Czech functionary, PRASAL, sometime, UNKNOWN, was helping refugees across the Austro-Czech border. PRASAL had originally obtained this information from his friend RADNAK, a Czech political refugee. In the early part of January 1949, several weeks after PRASAL had relayed the information concerning PRASAL to subject, a special party of SED officials from PRASAL arrived in PRAGA and, in an operation conducted in the middle of the night, arrested PRASAL. PRASAL subsequently attempted to escape but was shot and severely wounded during his journey to PRASAL he died. (PRASAL has cooperated with this Office since May 1948.)

CONFIRMATION AND AUTHENTICATION:

Information contained in the body of this report strongly, if not definitely, indicates that subject is a CIA agent, probably employed directly by the Ministry of Interior, PRASAL.

It is strongly recommended that subject be apprehended and placed in confinement; however, prior to this action, it may be advisable to have a reliable Czech refugee contact subject for the purpose of ascertaining further details concerning his activities.

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